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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

24 United States of America,
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 26 Plaintiff,

27 vs.

28 Mark A. Rissi,
 Defendant.

No. CR-22-1283-PHX-DWL (MTM)

INDICTMENT

VIO: 18 U.S.C. § 875(c)
 (Interstate Threat)
 Count 1

47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(C)
 (Threatening Interstate
 Telephone Call)
 Count 2

18 U.S.C. § 875(c)
 (Interstate Threat)
 Count 3

1 **THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

2 **BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS**

3 1. At all times relevant to the indictment, VICTIM-1 was an election official
4 who worked at the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in Phoenix, Arizona.

5 2. At all times relevant to the indictment, VICTIM-2 was an official in the
6 Office of the Arizona Attorney General.

7 **COUNT 1**

8 **18 U.S.C. § 875(c)**
9 **(INTERSTATE THREAT)**

10 3. On or about September 27, 2021, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere,
11 the defendant MARK A. RISSI, with the intent to communicate a true threat to injure
12 another person and with knowledge that the communication would be viewed as a true
13 threat to injure another person, knowingly transmitted a communication in interstate and
14 foreign commerce containing a true threat to injure the person of another by stating the
15 following in a voicemail telephone message he left for VICTIM-1 on VICTIM-1's office
16 phone system: "Hello Mr. [VICTIM-1], I am glad that you are standing up for democracy
17 and want to place your hand on the Bible and say that the election was honest and fair. I
18 really appreciate that. When we come to lynch your stupid lying Commie ass, you'll
19 remember that you lied on the fucking Bible, you piece of shit. You're gonna die, you
20 piece of shit. We're going to hang you. We're going to hang you."

21 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

22 **COUNT 2**

23 **47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(C)**
24 **(THREATENING INTERSTATE TELEPHONE CALL)**

25 4. On or about September 27, 2021, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere,
26 the defendant MARK A. RISSI, did, in interstate and foreign communications, make a
27 telephone call and utilize a telecommunications device, whether or not conversation and
28 communication ensued, without disclosing his identity and with intent to threaten any

1 specific person, by stating the following in a voicemail telephone message he left for
 2 VICTIM-1 on VICTIM-1's office phone system: "Hello Mr. [VICTIM-1], I am glad that
 3 you are standing up for democracy and want to place your hand on the Bible and say that
 4 the election was honest and fair. I really appreciate that. When we come to lynch your
 5 stupid lying Commie ass, you'll remember that you lied on the fucking Bible, you piece of
 6 shit. You're gonna die, you piece of shit. We're going to hang you. We're going to hang
 7 you."

8 In violation of Title 47, United States Code, Section 223(a)(1)(C).

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 10 **COUNT 3**
 11 **18 U.S.C. § 875(c)**
 12 **(INTERSTATE THREAT)**

13 5. On or about December 8, 2021, in the District of Arizona and elsewhere, the
 14 defendant MARK A. RISSI, with the intent to communicate a true threat to injure another
 15 person and with knowledge that the communication would be viewed as a true threat to
 16 injure another person, knowingly transmitted a communication in interstate and foreign
 17 commerce containing a true threat to injure the person of another by stating the following
 18 in a voicemail telephone message he left for VICTIM-2 on VICTIM-2's office phone
 19 system: "I'm a victim of a crime. My family is a victim of a crime. My extended family
 20 is a victim of a crime. That crime was the theft of the 2020 election. The election that was
 21 fraudulent across the state of Arizona, that [VICTIM-2] knows was fraudulent, that
 22 [VICTIM-2] has images of the conspirators deleting election fraud data from the Maricopa
 23 County Board of Supervisors computer system. Do your job, [VICTIM-2], or you will
 24 hang with those son-of-a-bitches in the end. We will see to it. Torches and pitchforks.
 25 That's your future, dipshit. Do your job."

26 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

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2 A TRUE BILL

3 s/
4 FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
5 Date: October 4, 2022

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